

Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day – The Year of Mercy

A Selection of Resources

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Day and Merton – Perspectives

Work hard, pray hard: On Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton – An Interview with Jim Forrest. See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/hpkfh5a>

Pope Francis Compares Catholic Radicals Thomas Merton & Dorothy Day to Lincoln and MLK. Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzales on Democracy Now. See more <http://tinyurl.com/nlzugr2>

Dorothy Day

Resources in relation to the Year of Mercy. She frequently talks about doing the “works of mercy.” These selected articles specifically refer to these works.

1. Aims and Purposes (1940)-
<http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/182.html>.
2. A Long Editorial But It Could Be Longer (1935)-
<http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/15.html>.
3. On Pilgrimage (1946)- <http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/424.html>.
4. An Appeal To Women (1945)-
<http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/153.html>.
5. Bill Gauchat: The Way of Peace (1975)-
<http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/551.html>.
6. In Peace Is My Bitterness Most Bitter (1967)-
<http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/250.html>.
7. Works of Mercy Oppose Violence in Labor’s War (1941)-
<http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/147.html>.
8. Our Fall Appeal (1955)- <http://www.catholicworker.org/dorothyday/articles/242.html>.

Thomas Merton

Thomas Merton: Man of Prayer, Thought, Dialogue and Peace. Comments by Louisville Archbishop Thomas Kurta at opening of 2016 exhibit, Thomas Merton, A Familiar Stranger. <http://tinyurl.com/zgpzl74>

Thomas Merton, brief biography, timeline with major works noted in years: <http://merton.org/chrono.aspx>

A more complete bibliography in PDF format: <http://merton.org/Research/Resources/Checklist-Bibliography-2016.pdf>

Thomas Merton: His Ministry of Letters

Pope Francis signaled out Merton as a person of dialogue. A body of work to explore this aspect of Thomas' work are his "ministry of letters" and the many books of Merton's letters.

These include *Signs of Peace: the Interfaith Letters of Thomas Merton*: <http://www.orbisbooks.com/signs-of-peace.html>. There is also *Thomas Merton: A Life in Letters*: <https://www.avemariapress.com/product/1-59471-256-5/Thomas-Merton-A-Life-in-Letters/>.

Thomas Merton: A Life in Letters: The Essential Collection. By: Thomas Merton, Edited William H. Shannon and Christine M. Bochen.

Now available in paperback, this expert distillation of Thomas Merton's letters offers a glimpse into the mind and heart of this fascinating monk, mystic, poet, and prophet. In Thomas Merton's *A Life in Letters: The Essential Collection*, one encounters a variety of his friends and acquaintances, including Pope John XXIII, Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Day, and Thich Nhat Hanh.

Signs of peace : the interfaith letters of Thomas Merton, by William D. Apel

During the last decade of his life, Thomas Merton corresponded with people around the globe about world religions and the need for interfaith understanding. Initiating contact with figures like Zen scholar D.T. Suzuki, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Rabbi Abraham Heschel, he sought not only to expand his understanding of other faiths, but to find like-minded friends who might share his dream of a global community of the spirit. Such people, whom he called living "sacraments" or signs of peace, were those "able to unite in themselves and experience in their own lives all that is best and most true in the numerous spiritual traditions."

Seeds, by Thomas Merton and Robert Inchausti. Shambhala; 1 edition (October 8, 2002)

This book is a collection of excerpts from Thomas Merton's writings, arranged in four parts so as to parallel the journey of a seeking soul in the modern world.

Choosing to love the world : on contemplation, by Thomas Merton, Jonathan Montaldo, Merton Institute for Contemplative Living.

Choosing to Love the World encourages and enlightens us in our quest to be compassionate, fully alive human beings.

Articles

The Great Compassion: Thomas Merton in Asia, by Jack Downey. American Catholic Studies v126 n2 (2015): 107-125

Compassionate Fire: The Letters of Thomas Merton and Catherine de Hueck Doherty. By Paul M. Pearson. Cistercian Studies Quarterly 2010, Vol. 45 Issue 4, p495

Audio

Thomas Merton and Compassion, by Barry G. Burrus, Kenneth M. Voiles, Bill Koch, International Thomas Merton Society. International Thomas Merton Society International Thomas Merton Society, General Meeting (5th : 1997 : Mobile, Alabama). Audio tape.

Three views on Merton's writings on solitude, mercy and compassion. Recorded in 1997 at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama during the Fifth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society. Audio Cassette. Performers: Three panelists present papers on the subject of Merton and compassion.